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REPORT BACK ON PREVENTING A MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE REDUCTION FOR DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS (ITEM NO. 55, AGENDA OF MAY 20, 2014)

On May 20, 2014, a Motion presented by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to report back every two weeks regarding the identification of appropriate alternative sites for the provision of DMH CalWORKs services, Wellness Clinical Team services, and Prevention and Early Intervention programs that were relocated from the Little Tokyo Lofts (LTL) site, so that no service delivery delays or reductions will occur for the County residents originally targeted for services. Every two weeks written updates will be provided to the Board until alternative sites are identified and opened for services.

Since our last report dated July 2, 2014, CEO Real Estate Division (CEO-RED) has made significant progress in locating alternative space for the CalWORKs program and space for the Preventive and Early Intervention (PEI) program. The location is 621 South Maple Avenue and 224 East 6th Street – former Greyhound/Rapid Transit District (RTD) station covering the entire City block. DMH staff has toured the location and a tour by Second District staff has been re-scheduled to a later date to be determined. Legal counsel of the building owners are currently reviewing the lease terms. We anticipate completion of negotiations in early August. At that time we will draft a motion that we hope will be sponsored by one of the Board Offices to consider approval of the lease and tenant improvement terms. This will accelerate the process and provide a location to continue client services without undue delay.

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Progress continues on the preparation of the modular space located at 640 and 646 South Maple Avenue that is planned to house the Wellness Teams. This location will also house the staff moving from the Downtown Mental Health Clinic (DMHC). The Board approved the renovation of the DMHC building on July 15, 2014.

With regard to the status of the LTL site, the CEO continues contact with the LTL facility management. A tour of the facility to discuss safety issues with the CEO, DMH staff, and Sheriff is targeted in August to be followed by a meeting with the residents. DMH continues its assessment of the best fit of staff functions to transition to the LTL leased space. The administrative staff move to the LTL is targeted for November 2014.

The CEO and DMH have made significant progress in finding alternative space suitable to continue client services. We are hopeful that we can negotiate lease and TI terms with the building ownership that will meet the approval of the Board so that a workable plan can be implemented as soon as possible.

If you have questions, your staff may contact Rita Robinson at (213) 893-2477, or email rrobinson@ceo.lacounty.gov.

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